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If your recovery plan for the Willamette River super fund site uses nature as a major element, then the plan needs to support nature to speed the process up. Fish are natural bio-concentrators and should be harvested in your recovery program to remove toxins from the river. At this time, catching fish is allowed in the Willamette, but the fisherman is advised not to keep the fish residing in this area year around because they have too high of levels of toxic substances in them. If you catch and release the fish, you are not removing the toxins from the environment. If you have a repository for the caught resident fish, the toxic substance can be taken out of the environment and concentrated for disposal. This can be set up like the BPA's northern Pike minnow program that is run by the Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife in the state of Oregon. As the fish are given to ODFW to be disposed, the fisherman would be rewarded by either a dollar amount or by supplying them with safe hatchery trout. Sturgeon would be one of the resident fish not allowed to harvest in this plan.

This plan 1) May shorten the time to clean up the toxins loose in the water.

2) Removes toxic substances from the environment.

3) Improves the health of the resident fish by removing the sick and old.

4) Provides food or financial support for fishermen by offsetting the cost of fishing which makes the cost of buying a fishing license more cost effective.

In other words, helps the poor to be able to afford to fish for food.

5) Helps the ODFW to be a governmental agency that helps the poor instead of only helping the rich (those who can afford to fish and release their fish).